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TRAINING AND RESEARCH: UNITED NATIONS INSTITUTE FOR TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Training and research: United Nations Institute for Training and Research" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 42nd, 54th and 59th meetings on 15 November, 3 and 11 December. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.42, 54 and 59). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (see A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the high-level independent consultant on UNITAR (A/46/482);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (A/46/619);

(c) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/46/624).

4. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, introductory statements were made by the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General, Executive Director of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and the high-level independent consultant (see A/C.2/45/SR.42).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/45/L.77 and L.117

5. At the 54th meeting, on 3 December, the representative of Gabon, speaking also on behalf of Benin, Cameroon, the Central African Republic, Madagascar, Nigeria and Zaire, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/45/L.77) entitled "United Nations Institute for Training and Research", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of 11 December 1987, 43/201 of 20 December 1988, 44/175 of 19 December 1989 and 45/219 of 21 December 1990,

"Having considered the report of the high-level consultant appointed by the Secretary-General 1/ in the light of the comments made thereon by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/ the report of the Secretary-General containing the comments of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, as well as his own views on the report of the consultant 3/ and the statements made before the Second Committee on 15 November 1991 by the representative of the Secretary-General, the Executive Director of the Institute and the consultant, 4/

"Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the functions of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, particularly in the field of training,

"Noting with concern the continuing lack of a sufficiently broad base of donor countries supporting the Institute,

"Deeply concerned that the sale of the headquarters property of the Institute, which would have enabled a reserve fund for the Institute to be established, has not yet been completed,

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1/ A/46/482, annex.

2/ A/46/624.

3/ A/46/619.

4/ See A/C.2/46/SR.42.

"Noting with concern that the 1991 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities did not provide the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research with the level of resources required for it to maintain a minimum training programme,

"Noting that the resources of the General Fund of the Institute are used exclusively for the funding of training activities benefiting all Member States and United Nations staff members and for maintaining a minimum institutional structure,

"1. Notes with appreciation the report of the consultant appointed by the Secretary-General, the comments thereon contained in the report of the Secretary-General and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

"2. Agrees that the functions of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research should be redefined as follows:

"A. Training

"Training shall continue to be the main focus of the Institute's activities and shall include:

"(a) Training in international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy, including diplomatic training for Member States in cooperation with their national institutions, especially those of developing countries;

"(b) Training for economic and social development;

"(c) In-service training of personnel of the United Nations and its specialized agencies;

"(d) Training of persons from developing countries interested in international careers;

"(e) Training for peace-keeping operations.

"B. Research

"In addition to research on training, the research activities of the Institute shall concentrate on the improvement of the United Nations system and the maintenance of peace and security.

"3. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the recommendations of the consultant and the comments made thereon before the Second Committee, and in close consultation with the appropriate United Nations bodies and the appropriate offices of the Secretariat and

in collaboration with the Board of Trustees of the Institute, to formulate, in accordance with paragraph 35 of his report, 3/ a set of operational measures for the restructuring of the Institute, taking fully into account the comments made by the Board of Trustees and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the consultant;

"4. Also requests the Secretary-General, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 3 above, to review the situation with regard to the headquarters building of the Institute, since under current market conditions its sale would not be profitable, and, in the meantime, to make good use of the space available in that building with a view to reducing the Institute's debt to the United Nations;

"5. Decides, in the interim and as a transitional measure, to grant two million United States dollars to the General Fund of the Institute as a contribution to the Institute's training services in the field of international cooperation and multilateral diplomacy for all Member States and for United Nations staff members;

"6. Requests that the budgetary proposals of the Institute continue to be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for review and comment prior to approval by the Board of Trustees of the Institute;

"7. Reaffirms that the activities of the Institute that are not funded from the General Fund shall continue to be funded through voluntary contributions mobilized as special-purpose grants from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and other non-governmental sources;

"8. Agrees with the recommendation of the Secretary-General that the Institute should, immediately after the sale of its property, repay the amounts currently owed to the United Nations and use the balance to establish a reserve fund for the Institute;

"9. Encourages the Secretary-General to continue to explore new modalities for greater interfacing among United Nations research bodies, and requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation to continue to organize meetings of United Nations research institutes with a view to enhancing practical cooperation among them, particularly in regard to the formulation and implementation of their programmes and plans;

"10. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution."

6. A statement by the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution, submitted in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of

procedure of the General Assembly, was subsequently circulated in document A/C.2/46/L.102.

7. At its 59th meeting, on 11 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.117), submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.77.

8. In introducing the draft resolution, the Vice-Chairman corrected the text of operative subparagraph 5 (g) by deleting "(g)" and inserting "The report of the Secretary-General should" before the word "conclude".

9. The Vice-Chairman further proposed the following revisions to the text:

(a) In operative paragraph 6, delete the words "in accordance with paragraph 8 of General Assembly resolution 45/219," after the words "and the Institute" and delete "in 1992" at the end of the paragraph;

(b) In operative paragraph 7, "paragraph 5" should read "paragraphs 5 and 6".

10. The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/46/L.102 did not apply to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.117 as orally corrected and revised.

11. The representative of the Programme Planning and Budget Division made a statement.

12. The Committee then adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.117, as orally corrected and revised, without a vote (see para. 14).

13. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.117, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.77 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

14. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/172 of 5 December 1986, 42/197 of 11 December 1987, 43/201 of 20 December 1988, 44/175 of 19 December 1989 and 45/219 of 21 December 1990,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General, 3/ the high-level independent consultant, 1/ the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research 3/ and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions 2/ and taking into account the statements made before the Second Committee on this issue,

Recognizing the continuing importance and relevance of the interdisciplinary training functions within the United Nations system,

Noting that the continuing lack of a sufficiently broad base of countries providing financial support to the Institute leaves the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research without the level of resources required to maintain a minimum training programme and institutional structure,

Deeply concerned that it has not been possible to sell the headquarters property of the Institute,

1. Notes with appreciation the report of the high-level independent consultant appointed by the Secretary-General, 2/ the comments thereon contained in the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 4/

2. Decides that the following interim measures should be taken pending consideration of the recommendations of the Secretary-General to be contained in the report requested in paragraph 5 below:

(a) The United Nations Institute for Training and Research should focus on providing training programmes and research activities related to training;

(b) The Secretary-General should consider taking appropriate measures related to the post of Director, taking into account the relevant recommendations of the high-level consultant;

(c) The Secretary-General is authorized to take the necessary steps with regard to the disposition of the headquarters building of the Institute, including its effective utilization or sale;

3. Requests that the budgetary proposals of the Institute continue to be submitted to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for review and comment prior to approval by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

4. Reaffirms that the activities of the Institute that are not funded from the General Fund of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research shall continue to be funded through voluntary contributions mobilized as special-purpose grants from Governments, intergovernmental organizations, foundations and other non-governmental sources;

5. Requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the recommendations of the consultant and the comments made thereon before the Second Committee,

and in close consultation with the appropriate United Nations bodies, intergovernmental committees and offices of the Secretariat, and in collaboration with the Board of Trustees of the Institute, as well as consultations with interested Governments, to prepare a report for submission to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, which would, inter alia:

(a) Contain an analysis of the terms of reference, programmes and budgets and financing of all research and/or training institutes with aims similar to those of the Institute;

(b) Indicate the extent to which a system-wide rationalization of research and training can be effected and a consequent role for the Institute defined;

(c) Contain an analysis of the various options for the location of the Institute;

(d) Provide further analysis and information on the feasibility of utilizing the Institute for training in peace-keeping operations, taking note of the pilot programmes of the Institute;

(e) Indicate the results of such consultations as may be held with the Rector of the United Nations University on the proposals of the consultant to associate the Institute with the University;

(f) Propose ways and means to resolve the outstanding debt of the Institute to the United Nations;

The report of the Secretary-General should conclude with a set of specific proposals on the future of the Institute, including its future financing, and the number and level of staff;

6. Requests the Secretary-General and the Institute to consider, in consultation with the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, financial mechanisms in order to finance the General Fund of the Institute;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the report requested in paragraphs 5 and 6 above and recommendations on the implementation of the present resolution in good time for action by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session.

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INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION TO STUDY, MITIGATE AND MINIMIZE THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 17th, 48th and 57th meetings, on 17 October, 20 November and 10 December 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/46/SR.17). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on international cooperation to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the disaster at Chernobyl (A/46/215/Rev.1-E/1991/76/Rev.1);

(b) Letter dated 6 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a statement issued by the Supreme Soviet (Parliament) of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic on 5 February 1991 (A/46/82-E/1991/14);

(c) Letter dated 19 February 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations transmitting a Declaration issued by the Supreme Soviet of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic (A/46/91-E/1991/17);

(d) Letter dated 1 May 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the statement by the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic in connection with the fifth anniversary of the Chernobyl disaster (A/46/163);

(e) Letter dated 26 June 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Bulgaria and the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Joint Communiqué dated 13 April 1991 issued by the Chairman of the Supreme Soviet of the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Chairman of the Grand National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria (A/46/273);

(f) Letter dated 2 July 1991 from the representatives of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Declaration by participants in the third Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the USSR and Union Republics concerning United Nations efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, adopted in Minsk, on 28 June 1991 (A/46/283-E/1991/114);

(g) Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the appeal by the Supreme Soviet of the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic to the European Parliament (A/46/345);

(h) Letter dated 16 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a letter from the Chairman of the Supreme Rada of Ukraine regarding the United Nations pledging conference to mobilize support for cooperation to address and mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl accident (A/46/477).

4. At the 17th meeting, on 17 October, the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and Coordinator of the activities related to the Chernobyl accident in the United Nations system made an introductory statement (A/C.2/46/SR.17).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1

5. At the 48th meeting, on 20 November, the representative of Ukraine introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1), entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster", on behalf of Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, Egypt, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Viet Nam and Yugoslavia.

6. The Committee had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.30/Rev.1, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/46/L.60).

7. At the 57th meeting, on 10 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), made a statement in which he informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.30/Rev.1 without a vote (see para. 10).

9. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Ukraine made a statement on behalf of the sponsors (see A/C.2/46/SR.57).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Strengtheni g of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/190 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolutions 1990/50 of 13 July 1990 and 1991/51 of 26 July 1991,

Taking note with appreciation of the decisions adopted by the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190 and the decisions of other international organs and organizations,

Recalling International Atomic Energy Agency resolution GC(XXXV)/RES.553 of 20 September 1991,

Expressing continuing concern about the ongoing effects on the lives and health of people, especially children, first and foremost in the affected regions of Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic and also in other countries affected by the Chernobyl disaster,

Aware of the need to strengthen further the coordination of active efforts to carefully study, mitigate and minimize the radiological, health, socio-economic, psychological and environmental consequences of that disaster, as well as its possible long-term effects, including those resulting from transboundary contamination,

Stressing the importance of providing extensive information on all aspects of the unprecedented disaster for the purpose of avoiding similar calamities in the future,

Welcoming the growing international solidarity with the victims of Chernobyl, the large-scale efforts made by the United Nations and the organizations of its system, as well as the contribution made by Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals in the development of cooperation to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster,

Noting the various assessments of the radiological consequences of the Chernobyl accident, in particular the report of the International Advisory Committee presented and discussed at the conference that took place at Vienna from 21 to 24 May 1991, and recognizing the need for further study,

Stressing that it is essential to achieve and maintain the highest available standards of safety of nuclear power generation, including radiologial protection, and to encourage cooperation to this end throughout the world and, in particular, in Central and Eastern Europe,

Taking note with appreciation of the activities recently initiated with the purpose of bringing forward the shutting down of the nuclear power plant at Chernobyl and stressing the need for technical assistance from the international community to this end,

Taking note with interest of the findings, conclusions and recommendations of the International Conference on the Safety of Nuclear Power, held at Vienna from 2 to 6 September 1991, 1/

1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 45/190; 2/

2. Welcomes the practical measures that have been taken by the Secretary-General and the United Nations Coordinator of International Cooperation for Chernobyl to strengthen the coordination of the international efforts in that area, inter alia, in the setting up of the corresponding Inter-Agency Task Force and the preparation of the Joint Plan of international cooperation to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

3. Notes with appreciation the results of the United Nations Pledging Conference to mobilize support for extending international cooperation to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster;

4. Appeals to all Member States, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, charity foundations, the business community, scientific bodies and individuals to provide cooperation in various forms and special and other assistance, taking into account the nature of the radiation and environmental disaster and the emergency situation that has developed in the areas most affected, particularly in Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, as described in the conclusions and recommendations of the International Chernobyl Project in its assessment of radiological consequences and evaluation of protective measures and other relevant studies;

5. Requests the organs, specialized agencies and programmes of the United Nations system to continue the consideration of possible technical and other specialized assistance and specific actions in the areas most affected by the accident, particularly in Belarus, Ukraine and the Russian Soviet Federative Socialist Republic, in close cooperation with the United Nations Coordinator, taking into account the Joint Plan, as introduced by the Secretary-General at the Chernobyl Pledging Conference;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to continue the activities related to the coordination of efforts to mitigate the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster in accordance with its resolution 45/190;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, through the Economic and Social Council, a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

1/ IAEA-CN-57.

2/ A/46/215/Rev.1-E/1991/76/Rev.1.

8. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "Strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster".

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HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Human resources development" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 34th to 37th, 45th and 56th meetings, on 7, 8 and 19 November and 6 December 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item, held in conjunction with the general discussion of the item entitled "Operational activities for development", is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.34-37). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (see A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Communiqué of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, from 2 to 4 July 1991 (A/46/336);

(b) Letter dated 5 August 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Vanuatu to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting

the final communiqué of the twenty-second South Pacific Forum, held at Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on 29 and 30 July 1991 (A/46/344);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development (A/46/461);

(d) Letter dated 27 September 1991 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/501/Rev.1);

(e) Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77 (A/46/520);

(f) Letter dated 15 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/46/579);

(g) Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts entitled "Change for the better: global change and economic development", endorsed by the Meeting of Heads of Government of the Commonwealth held in Harare from 16 to 22 October 1991 (A/C.2/46/12 and Add.1).

4. At the 34th meeting, on 7 November, the Assistant Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.34).

CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/46/L.54 and L.99

5. At the 45th meeting, on 19 November, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.54) entitled "Developing human resources for development", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution 45/191 of 21 December 1990 on developing human resources for development and other earlier resolutions on the same subject,

"Reaffirming its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, containing the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

"Reaffirming also that people are central to all development activities and that human resources development is an essential means of achieving economic, social and development goals,

"Recognizing that the promotion of more equitable economic growth and more participatory development will result in qualitatively higher levels of human resources development,

"Noting with concern the adverse impact of some elements of stabilization and structural adjustment programmes on the human resources development efforts of many developing countries,

"Stressing that a favourable international economic environment is crucial to enhancing human development in developing countries,

"Stressing also the importance of international cooperation in supporting national efforts in human resources development in developing countries and that both North-South and South-South cooperation, including economic and technical cooperation among developing countries, have vital roles to play in this regard,

"Emphasizing the need for organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give priority to human resources development in developing countries,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development; 1/

"2. Emphasizes that in the development of human resources an overall, well-conceived and integrated approach should be adopted, taking into account such vital areas as population, health, nutrition, water, sanitation, housing, communications, education and training, as well as the need to create more opportunities for employment, in an environment which guarantees opportunities for popular participation, respect for human rights, justice and equity, all of which are essential for enhancing human capacities to meet the challenge of development;

"3. Emphasizes also the vital importance of national capacity-building for human resources development in developing countries and encourages organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to intensify activities in support of national efforts in that regard;

"4. Stresses the importance of international support for national efforts and regional programmes towards human resources development in developing countries and the need to increase the flow of resources to developing countries for such activities, through, inter alia, the improvement of the international economic environment;

1/ A/46/461.

"5. Calls upon the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to support national and regional programmes, priorities and activities in the area of human resources development through, among other things, their policy dialogue, resource allocation and strengthening the database for planning and monitoring, as well as through appropriate, measurable, qualitative and quantitative goals for human resources development;

"6. Decides to keep under constant review the progress made in human resources development, in particular, during its review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and, in that regard, requests the Secretary-General to include in his report on the implementation of the Strategy an analysis of human resources development;

"7. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation to include in his report for the triennial policy review of the operational activities of the United Nations system an analysis of human resources development;

"8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution including specific proposals for action to enhance inter-agency coordination on issues relating to human resources development and to monitor the activities of the United Nations system in support of human resources development objectives;

"9. Also requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant bodies, to include in his report recommendations to help mitigate the adverse effects of stabilization and structural adjustment programmes on human resources development;

"10. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled 'Human resources development'."

6. At the 56th meeting, on 6 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.99), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.54.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.99 without a vote (see para. 9).

8. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.99, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.54 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Developing human resources for development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/191 of 21 December 1990 on developing human resources for development and other earlier resolutions on the same subject,

Reaffirming its resolutions S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries and 45/199 of 21 December 1990, the annex to which contains the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Reaffirming also that people are central to all development activities and that human resources development is an essential means of achieving economic, social and development goals,

Reaffirming further that human resources development should contribute to total human development, which enlarges the choices available to people in developing their lives and in fulfilling their aspirations,

Recognizing that the promotion of more equitable economic growth and more participatory development will result in qualitatively higher levels of human resources development,

Emphasizing the need to integrate human resources development into comprehensive strategies for human development,

Noting that, while stabilization and structural adjustment programmes are intended to promote economic growth and development, elements of such programmes can have a possible adverse impact on human resources development,

Stressing that Governments of developing countries have the primary responsibility to define and implement appropriate policies for human resources development,

Stressing also that a favourable international economic environment is crucial to enhancing human development in developing countries,

Stressing further the importance of international cooperation in supporting national efforts in human resources development in developing countries and stressing that both North-South and South-South cooperation, including economic and technical cooperation among developing countries, have vital roles to play in this regard,

Emphasizing the need for organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to continue to give priority to human resources development in developing countries,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on developing human resources for development; 2/

2. Emphasizes that in the development of human resources an overall, well-conceived and integrated approach should be adopted, taking into account such vital areas as population, health, nutrition, water, sanitation, housing, communications, education and training, as well as the need to create more opportunities for employment, in an environment which guarantees opportunities for political freedom, popular participation, respect for human rights, justice and equity, all of which are essential for enhancing human capacities to meet the challenge of development;

3. Emphasizes also the vital importance of national capacity-building for human resources development in developing countries, and encourages organizations of the United Nations system, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, to intensify activities in support of national efforts in that regard;

4. Emphasizes further the vital importance of appropriate national policies and the implementation thereof to promote human resources development through the optimal use of resources, taking due account of the importance of primary education and primary health care programmes;

5. Stresses the importance of international support for national efforts and regional programmes towards human resources development in developing countries and the need to increase the flow of resources to developing countries for such activities, through, inter alia, the improvement of the international economic environment;

6. Calls upon the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system to coordinate their activities in support of national and regional programmes, priorities and activities in the area of human resources development through, among other things, dialogue on policy, resource allocation and strengthening the database for planning and monitoring, as well as through appropriate, measurable, qualitative and quantitative goals for human resources development;

7. Decides to keep under constant review the progress made in human resources development, in particular, during its review of the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and, in that regard, requests the Secretary-General to include in his report on the implementation of the Strategy an analysis of human resources development;

2/ A/46/461.

8. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, including specific proposals for action to enhance inter-agency coordination of the United Nations system on issues relating to human resources development and to monitor the activities of the United Nations system in support of human resources development objectives;

9. Also requests the Secretary-General, in consultation with the relevant bodies, to include in his report recommendations to help mitigate the possible adverse effects of stabilization and structural adjustment programmes on human resources development, with a view to making national policies more supportive for human resources development;

10. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "Human resources development".

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 10th, 11th, 17th, 27th, 52nd and 53rd meetings, on 9, 10 and 17 October, 27 November and 2 December 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/46/SR.10 and 11). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Letter dated 18 April 1991 from the Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the text of the Treaty establishing a common market between the Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Paraguay and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay (A/46/155);

(b) Letter dated 25 April 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General enclosing information relating to the implementation of the Declaration referred to in General Assembly resolution 45/234 (A/46/159);

(c) Letter dated 22 July 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Guadalajara Declaration at the conclusion of the first Ibero-American Summit (A/46/317-S/22823);

(d) Letter dated 1 August 1991 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saint Kitts and Nevis to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General forwarding the Final Communiqué of the Twelfth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Basseterre, Saint Kitts and Nevis, from 2 to 4 July 1991 (A/46/336);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (A/46/505);

(f) Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77 (A/46/520);

(g) Letter dated 23 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General circulating the resolutions adopted by the 86th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Santiago, Chile, from 7 to 12 October 1991 (A/46/598);

(h) Letter dated 8 November 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Jamaica to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts entitled "Change for the better: global change and economic development", endorsed by the Meeting of Heads of Government of the Commonwealth held in Harare, 16-22 October 1991 (A/C.2/46/12 and Add.1);

(i) Note by the Secretariat on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (A/C.2/46/L.24).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.13 and L.79

4. At the 17th meeting, on 17 October, the representative of Ghana, speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.13), entitled

"Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

"Taking note of its resolution 45/234 of 21 December 1990,

"1. Calls once again upon States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

"2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 1/ and, while emphasizing the importance of steps to be taken individually or collectively to fulfil the commitments and policies of the Declaration, calls on all Member States, particularly those countries that influence the growth of the world economy and the international economic environment, to endeavour to respond to the Secretary-General's request for information;

"3. Decides to keep the implementation of the Declaration under political review at its forty-seventh session;

"4. Also decides, for the purposes of the review, to establish an ad hoc committee of the whole, which shall meet for five days at the beginning of September 1992;

"5. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, in time for the meeting of the ad hoc committee, an analytical report, including his assessment of the steps taken by Governments of developed and developing countries, individually and collectively, as well as by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, towards implementation of the commitments and policies of the Declaration;

"6. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled 'Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries'."

1/ A/46/505.

5. The Committee had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/45/L.13, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/46/L.19).

6. At the 52nd meeting, on 27 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.79), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.13.

7. The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications contained in A/C.2/46/L.19 did not pertain to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.79.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.79 without a vote (see para. 17, draft resolution I).

9. Following the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.79, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.13 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/46/L.15 and L.82

10. At the 17th meeting, on 17 October, the representative of Argentina, speaking on behalf of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.15), entitled "Regional economic integration among developing countries". The draft resolution read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

"Recalling also its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, proclaiming the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

"Recalling further its resolution 45/203 of 21 December 1990, on the Trade and Development Board of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in which it invited the Board to follow closely developments and issues related to economic integration processes, especially those with a major impact on the trade and development of the developing countries,

"Bearing in mind decision 91/10 of 25 June 1991 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/ in which it was decided that regional integration between developing countries should be included among the specific areas of analysis of regional programmes,

"Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/76 of 26 July 1991, which encourages interregional cooperation in order to facilitate international trade,

"Convinced of the link between regional economic integration among developing countries and the promotion of growth and development, and of the need to promote more economic cooperation between the members of the international community,

"Taking note of the economic policy measures adopted by the developing countries to facilitate their efficient and competitive participation in the contemporary world economy,

"Recalling that regional initiatives have been agreed upon to set the process of economic integration in motion within specific time-frames and with clearly defined objectives,

"Aware of the need to coordinate measures at the international level to guarantee the effective and efficient promotion of actions that encourage regional economic integration and, thus, economic integration among developing countries,

"Recognizing the need to support, inter alia, the preparation of studies and the implementation of measures to facilitate trade, as well as harmonization of the macroeconomic policies and legal systems of the countries concerned, and to explore the technological aspects of such industrial reconversion processes as might be economically necessary during the process of integration,

"1. Points to the substantive importance of integration among developing countries, both for the international community in general and, in particular, for the strengthening of growth and socio-economic development in the developing countries;

"2. Decides that activities promoting regional economic integration among developing countries should be included at the programme level in the programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 for the economic and social activities of the United Nations system, in the sections devoted to the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development and the regional commissions;

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1991, Supplement No. 13 (E/1991/34).

"3. Decides to include regional economic integration among developing countries in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, which will be reviewed during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

"4. Requests the regional commissions to contribute, together with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the identification, preparation and implementation of specific projects to facilitate economic integration, and to submit them to bilateral donors, regional development banks and financial institutions for their consideration;

"5. Invites all States to support these initiatives;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution."

11. The Committee had before it a statement on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.15, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/C.2/46/L.28).

12. At the 53rd meeting, on 2 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.82), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.15.

13. The Committee was informed that the programme budget implications contained in document A/C.2/46/L.28 did not pertain to draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.82.

14. Before the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Barbados made a statement on behalf of the Caribbean Community (see A/C.2/46/SR.53).

15. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.82 without a vote (see para. 17, draft resolution II).

16. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.82, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.15 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

17. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, containing the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Recalling its resolution 45/234 of 21 December 1990,

1. Calls once again upon States Members of the United Nations and States members of the specialized agencies to take appropriate measures to ensure the full and effective implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

2. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 3/ and, while emphasizing the importance of steps to be taken individually or collectively to fulfil the commitments and policies of the Declaration, urges all Member States to endeavour to respond to the Secretary-General's request for information;

3. Decides to keep the implementation of the Declaration under political review at its forty-seventh session;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, an analytical report, including his assessment of the steps taken by Governments of developed and developing countries, individually and collectively, as well as by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, towards implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration;

5. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled "International cooperation for economic growth and development: (a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries; (b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade".

3/ A/46/505.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Regional economic integration among developing countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, the annex to which contains the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries,

Recalling also its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, proclaiming the Fourth United Nations Development Decade,

Bearing in mind that regional economic integration is important in expanding trade and investments, particularly in developing countries, and regional economic integration everywhere has the potential to strengthen global economic growth, especially if accompanied by openness to the outside world,

Recalling its resolution 45/203 of 21 December 1990 on the Trade and Development Board, in which it invited the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Trade and Development Board, as appropriate, to continue to follow closely and analyse developments that have a major impact on international trade relations, including economic integration and policy reform in the world economy, technological change and the growing linkage between flows of investment and trade,

Bearing in mind decision 91/10 of 25 June 1991 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/ in which it was decided that regional integration between developing countries should be included among the specific areas of analysis of regional programmes,

Bearing in mind also the relevant provisions of decision 90/34 of 23 June 1990 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 4/

Taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/76 of 26 July 1991, which encourages interregional cooperation in order to facilitate international trade,

Reaffirming that an open multilateral trading system is essential for the promotion of economic growth and development,

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4/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29).

Convinced of the link between regional economic integration among developing countries and the promotion of growth and development and of the need to promote more economic cooperation between the members of the international community,

Taking note of the economic policy measures adopted by the developing countries to facilitate their efficient and competitive participation in the contemporary world economy,

Recalling that regional initiatives have been agreed upon to set the process of economic integration in motion within specific time-frames and with clearly defined objectives,

Aware of the need to coordinate measures at the international level to guarantee the effective and efficient promotion of actions that encourage regional economic integration and, thus, economic integration among developing countries,

Recognizing the need to support, inter alia, the preparation of studies and implementation of measures to facilitate trade, as well as harmonization of the macroeconomic policies and legal systems of the countries concerned, and to explore the technological aspects of such industrial reconversion processes as might be economically necessary during the process of integration,

1. Points to the substantive importance of integration among developing countries, both for the international community in general and, in particular, for the strengthening of growth and socio-economic development in the developing countries;

2. Decides that in the context of the next revision of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, to be held in 1992, activities promoting regional economic integration among developing countries should be given , prominent attention, and recommends that these activities be included as separate subprogrammes under the Department of Technical Cooperation for Development, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the regional commissions, where appropriate, in the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, taking into account the need for coordination and the avoidance of duplication;

3. Requests the regional commissions to contribute, together with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to the identification, preparation and implementation of specific projects to facilitate economic integration, and to submit them to bilateral donors, regional development banks and financial institutions for their consideration;

4. Invites all States and regional economic integration organizations to support these initiatives;

5. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session a progress report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AND THE DIVERSIFICATION AND MODERNIZATION OF PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Committee considered the item at its 12th, 19th, 20th and 51st meetings, on 11, 21 and 24 October and 26 November 1991. An account of the Committee's general discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (see A/C.2/46/SR.12 and 20). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October (A/C.2/46/SR.2-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries (A/46/455-E/1991/141);

(b) Letter dated 1 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77 (A/46/520);

(c) Letter dated 23 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General circulating the resolutions adopted by the 86th Conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, held at Santiago, from 7 to 12 October 1991 (A/46/598);

4. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.12).

5. At the 20th meeting, on 24 October, the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization made a statement (see A/C.2/46/SR.20).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS A/C.2/46/L.17 AND L.72

6. At the 19th meeting, on 21 October, the representative of Ghana, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.17), entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries", which read as follows:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolution 45/196 of 21 December 1990, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of industrial development cooperation,

"Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, in particular paragraphs 2 and 4,

"1. Welcomes the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

"2. Recognizes the need for a study to be undertaken, at a time to be agreed upon in the future, on the structure of world industrialization from the long-term perspective as a contribution to the overall assessment of needs for industrial development in developing countries;

"3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit the reports referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 45/196 in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

"4. Decides to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session an item entitled 'Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries'."

7. At the 51st meeting, on 26 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Ioan Barac (Romania), introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.72), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.17.

8. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.72 without a vote (see para. 10).

9. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.72, draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.17 was withdrawn by the sponsors.

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 45/196 of 21 December 1990, as well as other relevant resolutions in the field of industrial development cooperation,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General, 1/ in particular paragraphs 2 and 4 thereof,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

2. Notes with interest the proposal of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization for a study on the structure of world industrialization from the long-term perspective as a contribution to the overall assessment of and needs for industrial development in developing countries, and recommends that the Industrial Development Board should consider the proposal at its next session and report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

3. Reiterates its request to the Secretary-General and the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit the reports referred to in paragraphs 9 and 10 of resolution 45/196 in time for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

1/ A/46/455.

4. Decides that the item entitled "Industrial development cooperation and the diversification and modernization of productive activities in developing countries" should, from the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, be considered on a biennial basis.

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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL REHABILITATION OF LIBERIA

Report of the Second Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Martin RAKOTONAIVO (Madagascar)

I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 20 September 1991, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in its agenda the item entitled "International assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia" and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item, together with the following questions:

"Report of the Economic and Social Council: Critical humanitarian situation in the Horn of Africa", under item 12;

"International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", under item 83;

"Special economic and disaster relief assistance:

(a) Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator;

(b) Special programmes of economic assistance", under item 84; and

"International assistance for the economic rehabilitation of Angola", under item 85.

3. The cluster of items was considered at the 26th to 29th meetings, on 31 October and 1 November. Action on item 91 was taken at the 42nd and 52nd meetings, on 15 and 27 November. An account of the Committee's general

discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/46/SR.26-29, 42 and 52). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 1 to 4 October 1991 (A/C.2/46/SR.3-9).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia (A/46/403).

5. At the 26th meeting, on 31 October, introductory statements were made by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Cooperation and the Under-Secretary-General for Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship (see A/C.2/46/SR.26).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/46/L.43

6. At the 42nd meeting, on 15 November, the representative of Gabon, on behalf of States Members of the United Nations that are members of the African Group, Barbados, Belgium, Mexico, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and subsequently joined by Jamaica, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/46/L.43), entitled "Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia", and orally revised it, as follows:

(a) In the sixth preambular paragraph, the word "demobilization" was replaced by "encampment and disarmament";

(b) In operative paragraph 5 (b), the word "Government" was replaced by "authorities".

7. At the 52nd meeting, on 27 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Bozorgmehr Ziaran (Islamic Republic of Iran), informed the Committee that, as a result of informal consultations, it had been agreed to add the words "and their families" after the word "combatants", in operative paragraph 3.

8. The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

9. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/46/L.43, as orally revised, without a vote (see para. 11).

10. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Liberia made a statement.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

11. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly, the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/232 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling also the statement of the Security Council of 21 February 1991 on the situation in Liberia, in which the Council, inter alia, welcomed the regional initiative of the Economic Community of West African States and called for international support for those efforts aimed at a peaceful settlement of the conflict,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on emergency assistance for the economic and social rehabilitation of Liberia, 1/

Noting that, despite the efforts made to provide assistance for the Liberian refugees, the situation with regard to the displaced persons and the returnees remains precarious,

Noting with deep concern the devastating effects of the conflict on the Liberian economy and the urgent need to rehabilitate basic sectors of society in order to restore normalcy,

Welcoming the recent agreement reached at the fourth meeting of the Committee of Five and other members of the Standing Mediation Committee of the Economic Community of West African States in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, on the immediate encampment and disarmament of combatants and for the holding of democratic elections, 2/

1. Expresses its gratitude to the States and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations that have responded and continue to respond to the appeals by the Government of Liberia and the Secretary-General for emergency assistance;

2. Expresses also its gratitude to the Secretary-General for his efforts in mobilizing the international community, the United Nations system

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1/ A/46/403.

2/ Final Communiqué of the Fourth Meeting of the Committee of Five on the Liberian Crisis, held in Yamoussoukro, Côte d'Ivoire, 29-30 October 1991.

and other organizations to provide emergency assistance to Liberia, and urges that such assistance be continued, as necessary;

3. Calls upon the international community and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide Liberia with technical, financial and material assistance for the repatriation and resettlement of Liberian refugees, returnees and displaced persons and for the rehabilitation of combatants and their families, as provided for in the national action plans, which constitute important elements for facilitating the holding of democratic elections in Liberia;

4. Further calls upon the international community, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to provide adequate assistance to programmes and projects identified in the report of the Secretary-General; 1/

5. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To continue his efforts to coordinate the work of the United Nations system and to mobilize financial, technical and material assistance for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia;

(b) To undertake, in close collaboration with the authorities of Liberia, an overall assessment of needs, with the objective of holding as soon as possible a round-table conference of donors for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Liberia, as a basis for the earliest resumption of the process of development;

6. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session on the implementation of the present resolution.